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Dollywood: John Estrada sports a new butt

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Central Visayas wages up P10-P18; Cordillera increase assailed

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GMA now in Libya for state visit, meets Gadhafi

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Driver refuses to testify at Subic rape trial



Impeach proponents hoping for miracle

By Michael Lim Ubac

LEADERS OF A CITIZEN-BACKED IMPEACHMENT movement are resigned that only a miracle can unseat President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Even House Minority Leader Francis Escudero and Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano, who led the bungled opposition effort to impeach Ms Arroyo last year on charges she stole the 2004 election,

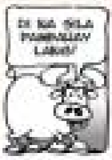
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Ferry restores equality of sexes on isle—a bit

MARADO, SOUTH KOREA—Besides being the Korean peninsula's southernmost point, this windswept, treeless islet was long famous, in these parts at least, for its strong women and docile men.



FERRY A4



CLUTCHING her pillows, Mariam Shihabeyah, 39, a divorced mother of five, leaves a bombed area of the southern suburbs where her apartment is situated in Beirut, Lebanon. She returned to salvage her belongings, minutes before another series of air strikes hit the place. AP

OFWs in Beirut flee to churches

Evacuation plans put on hold—DFA

By Nikko Dizon and Jerome Aning

USING WARSHIPS, CRUISE ships, military planes and chartered aircraft, governments across the world yesterday scrambled to evacuate their nationals trapped in Lebanon.

The Philippines, without such resources, appealed to the Vatican to allow Filipinos to seek refuge in Catholic churches in that embattled mainly Muslim country.

Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo said overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in Lebanon, who number about 34,000, were being relocated to predesignated safe areas in that country.

"Our countrymen will be moved to areas where the embassy can ensure their safety, such as Catholic parishes and churches," he said.

Romulo said the government had asked the Vatican's envoy in the Philippines, Archbishop Fernando Filoni, to allow the Filipinos in Lebanon to use its churches and other facilities in Lebanon.

"We are not evacuating out of

OFWs A4

FLASH POINTS IN ISRAELI-LEBANESE CONFLICT



AN ISRAELI soldier rushes to reload a mobile artillery unit after it fired 155mm shells toward Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon. AP

Israeli fighter planes set Lebanon ablaze

BEIRUT, LEBANON—FIGHTER bombers pummeled Lebanese infrastructure on Monday, setting harbors and fuel storage tanks ablaze, as Israel showed it would make the Lebanese government pay dearly for not curbing Hezbollah guerrillas.

But Hezbollah guerrillas retaliated by firing rockets that flew farther into Israel than ever before, with Katyusha rockets landing in the town of Afik, 30 km south of Haifa. Nobody was hurt in the Monday attack, but Hezbollah rockets had killed eight people in Haifa on Sunday.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert vowed "far-reaching consequences" for the Haifa attack, Hezbollah's deadliest strike ever on Israel during the past six days of violence.

ISRAELI A4

DOJ inaction on Bolante case assailed

By Philip C. Tubeza

SEN. RAMON MAGSAYSAY JR. yesterday slammed the "ominous silence and inaction" of the Department of Justice and the Ombudsman on the case of Jocelyn "Joc-joc" Bolante, the agriculture undersecretary who allegedly used a P728-million fertilizer fund to finance President Macapagal-Arroyo's election in 2004.

Bolante has reportedly been detained at the US immigration facility in Los Angeles since July 7 over unspecified visa problems.

Yesterday, Department of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Gilberto Asuque said Bolante had requested that his case be treated as a private affair and that he did not need government assistance.

Magsaysay, chair of the Senate investigation into the fertilizer fund scam, said the DOJ, the Ombudsman and the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission should have pursued Bolante now. He said DOJ officials should have already made inquiries with their counterparts in the United States to find out what had happened to Bolante and ensure that he did not disappear again.

"They should follow up this case and inform the people because this is an issue involving

DOJ A13

Coup probers summon Erap in-law, ex-attaché

By Luige A. del Puerto and Armand N. Nocum

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE has asked Manuel "Beaver" Lopez, a son-in-law of ousted President Joseph Estrada, and labor attaché Reynaldo Parungao to appear in an investigation of an alleged plot to oust President Macapagal-Arroyo.

In a separate probe, the National Bureau of Investigation said that businessman Hugo Zobel was scheduled for interview at 10 a.m. today at the NBI, construction magnate Felipe F. Cruz tomorrow, and ABC-5 television network chair Antonio "Tonyboy" Cojuangco on Thursday.

The invitations to Lopez and Parungao were sent by the PNP Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, police sources disclosed yesterday on condition of anonymity, adding that they were not the authorized spokespersons.

Lopez, 38, scion of one of the country's wealthiest families, headed the Sulado sa Kawal Pilipino Foundation. It has previously acknowledged providing financial aid to families of the so-called Magdalo soldiers that staged the 2003 Oakwood mutiny.

Ferdie Ramos, an Estrada press officer, said he had asked Lopez for comment on the PNP report.

Parungao, 58, is a senior official of the Department of Labor and Employment, who is reportedly close to former Ambassador Roy Señeres, who is also a former

COUP A13



INQUIRER JOB FAIR
Vice President Noli de Castro and Philippine Daily Inquirer chair Marixi Prieto formally open the Inquirer Employment Expo 2006 at the Glorietta activity center. The three-day event is expected to draw at least 30,000 job seekers.

Mayon rumbling continues; villagers recall 1993 blast

By Ephraim Aguilar
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LEGAZPI CITY—THERE IS NOT A SIGN OF fear in their faces as they go about their simple ways of living. But the villagers of Bonga have known the terror of living in the shadow of one of the Philippines' killer volcanoes.

Village secretary Carmen Azul still vividly remembers what happened to her neighbors when Mount Mayon erupted in 1993.

"I heard the people yelling. I thought there was a street fight, until I saw people covered with ash, their skins burned," she told the Inquirer.

"They had come from the foot of the volcano to farm or tend to their livestock. Some were still alive when I saw them but they were crying in pain because of their burns."

The others were beyond cure.

"They were already stiff and dead," Azul said. "I was just thankful my husband did not go out to farm that day and just stayed home."

The ghastly memories came back to Azul yesterday as the 2,474-meter volcano continued to rumble and scientists warned of the danger of another possibly major blast.

Besides the increased seismic activity from Mayon, volcanologists also noted that the stream of lava from the summit had rolled 600 meters down from the summit.

One also could not see any trace of concern in the faces of Bonga's children but they also know of the danger of living close to Mayon, some 7 km away from their village.

Their parents had told them what it was like.

"It is dangerous. ... If it explodes, we will leave this place and go to Daguo (a designated evacuation center)," 7-year-old Jona said as she played with other kids on a dusty road.

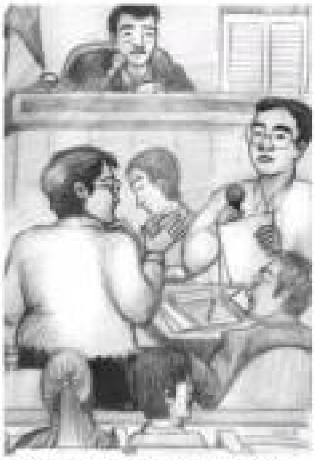
Mo-Ann, another child, said she would run as fast and as far as her legs would carry her. She said her mother had told her of what happened in 1993.

Benjamin Esquivel, village chief of Bonga, recalled the eruption was so sudden that the villagers did not have time to prepare.

Many farmers, including Esquivel's two brothers, were working on the fields when they were hit by a mass of fiery ash from the

MAYON A4

Van driver no-show at rape trial



Witness invokes right vs self-incrimination

A KEY WITNESS IN THE RAPE trial of four US Marines refused to take the stand yesterday.

'Inconsistent position'

'Not accused yet'

Witness willing but...

'Go, Smith, Go!'





CADAPAN



EMPENO

Where are our daughters? Parents run to SC for help

Kin of abducted businessman put up ₱5-M reward

Mayon rumbling continues; villagers recall 1993 blast





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Correction

PACQUIAO FEVER

DepEd wants boxing taught in public schools

By Alcuin Papa

Gov't to help 3 injured seamen



BLACK smoke rises after fresh Israeli attacks on the Hezbollah stronghold in the southern suburbs of Beirut.

OFWs in Beirut flee to churches

Stay with employers

Churches as havens

'Packed like sardines'

Not that bad?

Concentrated in Beirut

Overland routes

British warships

Other Asians moving

Israeli fighter planes set Lebanon ablaze

Peacekeeping force

Overnight attacks

Lebanese soldiers

Full strength

Sandigan thumbs down Erap request

By Nelson F. Flores

Back breastfeeding, ex-Solgen asks SC

Kapatiran group out to 'evangelize politics'

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Ports exec suspended; LLDA head acquitted

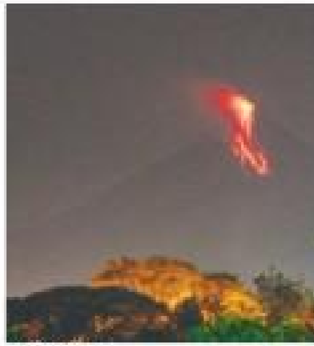


PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo is escorted by Col. Moammar Gadhafi upon her arrival for a state banquet dinner at the Bab Aziza, the Libyan leader's residence in Tripoli, Libya, Monday. Ms Arroyo is in Libya for a two-day state visit.

GMA seeks 'friendship price' for Libyan oil

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

RP bancas to join Lake Genev

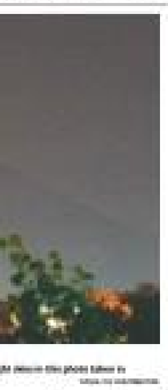


VOLCANIC FLAME

Gov't plans to subsidi fuel in case oil hits $1

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

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GMA foes prepare 'Operation Heckle'

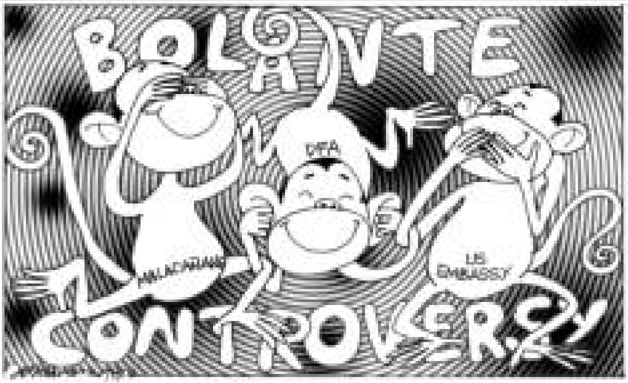




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Happy people

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Viewpoint

Juan L. Mercado

What coup?

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Conrado de Quiros

Prospect of oil at $100 per barrel calls for unity

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Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

Such a good friend

At Large



Rina Jimenez-David

An agenda for Latin America

World View



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Notice to Youngblood contributors:

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Vindictive

Old skeletons

Violating young minds

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GSIS sadists bullying elderly pensioners

Why CBCP did not support impeachment

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'Jueteng' foes assail gov't inaction

SAN FABIAN, PANGASINAN—"WALANG TATAYA (Don't bet)!"

Villagers split by mining talk to reconcile after 10 years

By Melvin Gascon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Division

Mending bridges



LIFE AFTER A STORM

Roundup

PDI correspondent Ford fellow

Puerto cops told: Solve slay



HAGEDORN

Visayan Sea protection urged

Wrong place for welcome arch



Co-ops doubling as job agencies probed

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

Visayas wage up ₱10-₱18; Cordillera hike not enough for fare



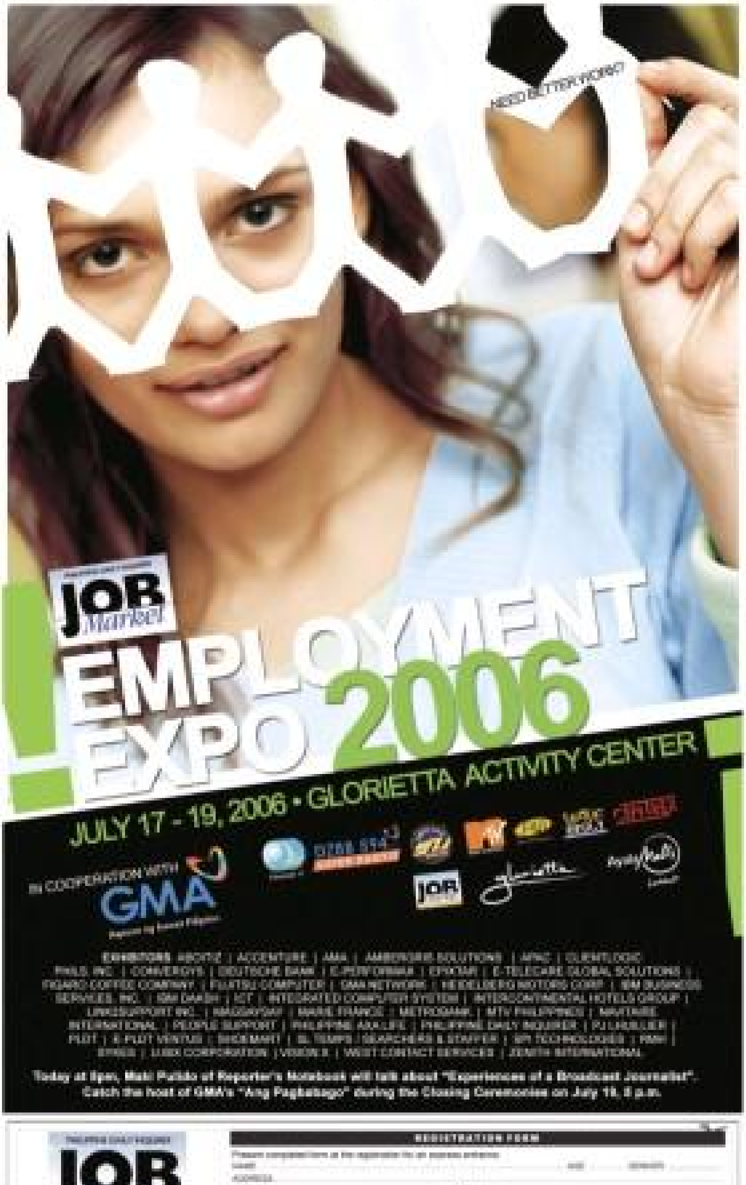
MEMBERS of militant labor groups press for their demand for a ₱125 increase in daily minimum wage in a rally in Manila.

MNLF, MILF urged: Unite



Phivolcs cable wires stolen as Mayon blows hot

Inaction on land overprice case hit



JOB Market

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME ____ AGE ____ GENDER ____

ADDRESS ____

MOBILE ____ LANDLINE ____

EMAIL ADDRESS ____

SCHOOL ____

COURSE ____

DESIRED POSITION ____

PREFERRED COMPANIES ____

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LOPEZ

No witch-hunting

NBI appearances

Plotters have no chance against me, says Esperon

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

DOJ inaction on …

Political asylum?

No word from US





20 Filipinos kidnapped in Somalia on way home

RP fishermen rescued on Arabian Sea isle

After Chinese, DOT now eyeing Indian travelers

Aplus METRO

Editor: Ester G. Dipasupil

5 Taiwanese arrested in shabu warehouse raid

12th drug facility uncovered in Parañaque City



CHUNG Hsu Tsai, one of the five Taiwanese arrested in Sunday night's raid on a shabu warehouse in Parañaque City.

By Jocelyn R. Uy

FIVE TAIWANESE NATIONALS were arrested during a police raid Sunday night on a suspected shabu warehouse in Parañaque City, the 12th illegal drugs facility to be discovered in the city since 2000.

Those arrested were identified as Chung Hsu Tsai, 41; Wu Sheng Chin, 40; Wang Chih Chang, 32; Chen Yin Lu, 34 and Harry Pe, 38.

The raid was carried out by the Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) on [illegible] International Trading, a [illegible] company [illegible] located at a [illegible] Compound, [illegible] Street in Barangay [illegible].

After a check with City Hall, Supt. [illegible], Parañaque police chief, said the company was operating illegally. He added that they would also summon the owner of the compound, [illegible], for investigation.

The operatives led by Senior Supt. [illegible], CIDG [illegible], started searching the compound at around [illegible] a.m. Sunday. They found about [illegible] liters of chemicals and other equipment used to manufacture shabu, or methamphetamine hydrochloride, which had been

TAIWANESE A18



Taguig public market razed

By Jocelyn R. Uy

MetroBriefs

Judge gets 6 years

Let us in!



Comedian sues restaurant

Call for assistance

5 Taiwanese arrested . . .



A BARANGAY official examines suspected drug-making equipment found in the warehouse.

Atienza aide suspended

By Tina G. Santos

MRT offers free rides for PWDs until July 23

It's better Bolante is tried in the US

On Target



Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Did you know

UN to push hard for Lebanon stabilization force



Canada mourns 7 nationals killed in raid on Lebanon

Thousands rally for Mexico vote recount



WorldBriefs

Israel bombs Palestinian foreign ministry

Diabetes-Alzheimer's link

The WORLD

Japan readies new sanctions as Nokor rejects UN demand

TOKYO—JAPAN IS CONSIDERING FURTHER ECONOMIC SANCtions against North Korea following Pyongyang's rejection of a UN Security Council resolution demanding the suspension of its ballistic missile program, reports said Monday.



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AFP

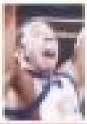


WHAT'S INSIDE

■ Senden snares 1st PGA crown after 139 starts /A24

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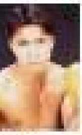
■ NBA Madness features versatile Frye /A24



Red-hot Knights repulse Altas



THE LAW OF AVERAGES almost caught up with Letran yesterday. Well, at least in the first half.



RUBILLAR

Rubillar goes for interim crown

RP-Air21 five battles lowly Singaporeans



Giants get back to work after tense week

Lady Falcons rip newcomer National belles



Cone's fate hangs in the balance

Sportswatch

Tuguegarao hosts Shell youth Active chess

Sen. Lapid Invitational golf slated

P500,000 at stake in SJC's ...

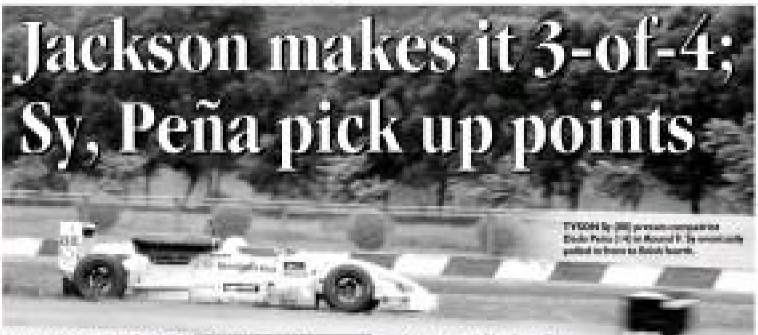
Basketball is not for Filipinos

Clean Living



Manolo R. Iñigo

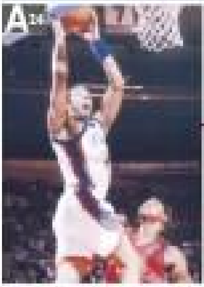
Easy win for Millas, Santos in Rudy race



Jackson makes it 3-of-4; Sy, Peña pick up points

Tañamor, 2 other RP pugs make Karachi finals

SPORTS



CHANNING FRYE

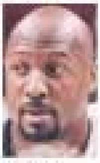
NBA Madness features versatile Frye

Alps major obstacle to Landis win



SUPERB FORM

Mourning returning as Heat start title buildup



MOURNING

Schumacher posts eighth straight win



JOHN SENDEN

Senden snares 1st PGA crown after 139 starts

Kim rallies, rules Jamie Farr Classic

MJC hosts RP-Japan racing festival

Mosley's swagger, punching power back



MOSLEY



POWER KICK

ENTERTAINMENT



Movie-TV board chides ABS-CBN's 'Correspondents'



CAST of "White Lady" above, from left: Iwa Moto, JE de Vera, Angelica Panganiban, Baron Jansen Ree, Paulina Luna, Claire de Castro, Francine Fajardo, Kendrick Guiahn, Jason Abalos with director Jeff Tan (in white). At right, John Estrada and Keanu Reeves in the recent Bench fashion show.

Charge disputed

Intrinsic

John Estrada sports a new butt

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal



Be my lady



THE FAB 5, WHO ELSE!

THE FAB 5, stars of the Emmy award-winning reality TV show, "Queer Eye For the Straight Guy," arrive in Manila on Thursday for a series of events hosted by the Ayala Malls. They each have their own roles in the show (from left): Thom Filicia, Design Doctor; Ted Allen, Food & Wine Connoisseur; Carson Kressley, Fashion Savant; Kyan Douglas, Grooming Guru; and Jai Rodriguez, Culture Vulture. The series (ETC channel), created by David Collins and David Metzler, sees the quintet coming to the rescue of straight men who need a dash of style.

The changing faces of Oz

CHEER FACTOR





Supersize 'em







JACOB Dionisio plays Game of the Generals.

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

Pipe down







'Rock Star: Supernova'—are you tuned in?





DANA ANDREWS, singer/waitress

JOHN "PHIL" RITCHIE, musician

DILANA ROBICHAUX, songwriter/stage performer

JOSH LOGAN, musician





Roundup

Celebrities swing



CBCP on 'Probe'



Spider-Man 3 trailer

'Scissorhands' auction

Movie pirate?

Eco-friendly Pitt

Katrina docu

These golden oldies are definitely goodies

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre



[illegible]

> The senior leads in this movie make sure that the laughs keep coming

[illegible]

Men of Blue Blood

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Film Congress

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'Rocketman' soars

A WEEKEND engineer must choose between fulfilling a seemingly impossible ambition and his personal responsibilities in "Rocketman," a six-part family drama this Wednesday at 8 p.m. on Hallmark Channel.





ROCKETMAN

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The task at hand becomes complicated when personal and work problems distract George and his colleagues.

'The Emperor's New School'

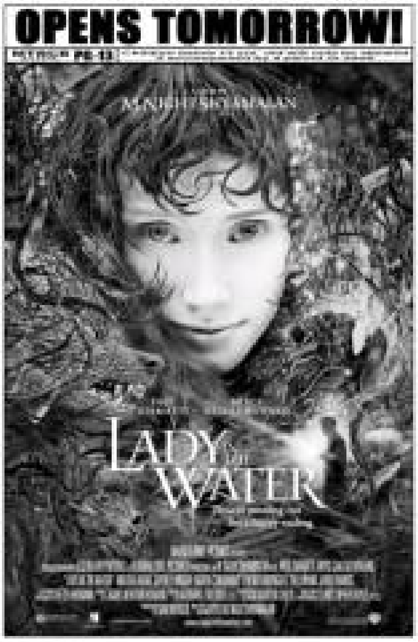
BASED ON Walt Disney Pictures' popular theatrical release "The Emperor's New Groove," "Disney's The Emperor's New School" is an animated comedy-adventure series about Kuzco, a would-be emperor who must graduate from school before he can claim the throne.

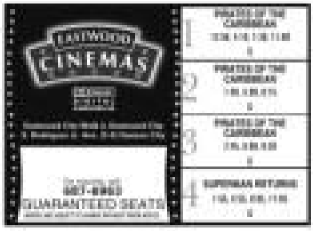
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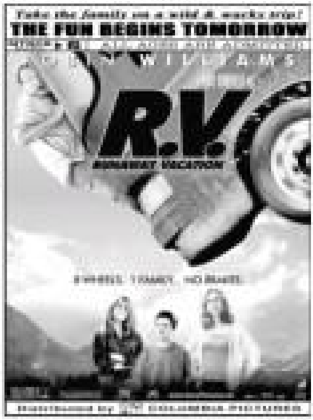
"Disney's The Emperor's New School" airs on Saturdays at 7 p.m. on Disney Channel.

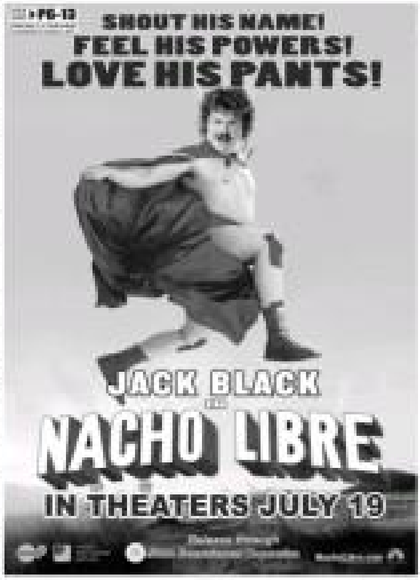


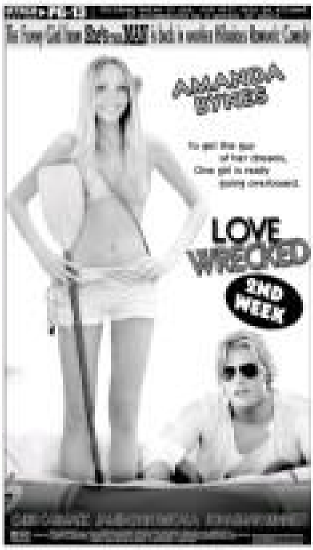
THE EMPEROR'S New School











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John Estrada sports a new butt

Pure delite

New health show

Personal

SM Cinema movietime

Your life as a movie

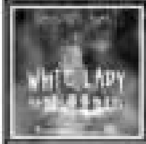


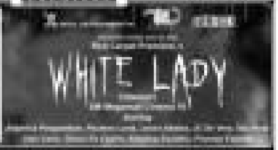


What is the name of Will Turner's father?

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ENTERTAINMENT



CALLALILY: from left, Tatsi Jamoraquez (guitar), Lemuel Belaro (drums), Alden Acosta (guitar), Kean Cipriano (vocals) and Aaron Ricafrente (bass).





SOUTH BORDER

Album sales down in the US

LOS ANGELES—US ALBUM SALES WERE down 4.2 percent in the first half of the year, but sales of music downloaded online soared 77 percent, according to industry figures.

Total sales of albums across different formats — CDs, digital albums, cassettes and others — stood at 279.6 million between Jan. 2 and July 2, compared to 292.0 million in the same period last year, according to Nielsen SoundScan figures released Friday.

The top-selling album so far this year is a soundtrack inspired by the Disney Channel movie "High School Musical," which has sold more than 2.6 million units.

Albums by Rascal Flatts, James Blunt, Mary J. Blige and Carrie Underwood rounded out the top five.

The decline reflects in part a dearth of big hits compared to the same period in 2005, which saw Mariah Carey and rapper 50 Cent each release multi-platinum sellers. AP

Two in one

SONY BMG Music Entertainment releases "The 2 in 1 Series"—a two-disc compilation of top OPM artists that reached the industry's greatest heights in the '90s.

The collection gathers the best OPM acts of powerhouse labels Sony and BMG.

It includes selections from Wolfgang's [illegible] and [illegible] albums; [illegible] and Rage [illegible].

Also Yano's "Yano" and "Tara." We just listened again to this group's hits of over a decade ago—including "Kumusta Ka," [illegible]—and marveled at how relevant they still are to these times. Consider such familiar lines as, [illegible]

[illegible]

Coincidentally, we listened on a stormy day when the lights went out. I kept wishing for [illegible]

That was fun.



RACHELLE Ann Go

New single

RACHELLE Ann Go's new single is a light, bittersweet ballad entitled "Habit," composed by [illegible].

The second from her second album, "I Care," is Rachelle's first Tagalog single.

Her first single from the album is [illegible] produced by Christian de Walden and [illegible].

All-hit album

AFTER THE Warner Music and Sony BMG multi-artist compilation "Big" comes the sequel "Bigger," which puts together 18 hits.

"Bigger" opens with Madonna's "Hung Up" from her dance album "Confessions on a Dance Floor" and Mariah Carey's "It's Like That" from her multi-platinum "Emancipation of Mimi."

Other hitmakers featured in the album are Madonna, Mariah Carey, Pussycat Dolls, Green Day, Destiny's Child, Britney Spears, Michael Bublé, Westlife, Usher and [illegible].

Pinoy house track

GOOD Vibes Music, which compiles 15 club hits from international artists, has an interesting single called [illegible], a local remix featuring dialogue excerpts from [illegible] in the classic '70s Danny Zialcita movie "Nagalit ang Buwan sa Haba ng Gabi."

Produced by Warner Music Philippines, the "Pinoy house track" is supported by a [illegible] music video [illegible] while walking the streets of Manila.

Callalily's debut

CALLALILY'S debut album "Destination XYZ" will soon be in record stores nationwide. The carrier single is "Stars."

Produced by [illegible], the album also includes the songs "Pasan," "Take My Hand," "Magbalik," [illegible] and "The Final Song."

The band is composed of Kean Cipriano on vocals, Aaron Paul Ricafrente on bass, Tatsi Jamoraquez on guitars, Alden Acosta on guitars and Lemuel Belaro on drums.

Nina says 'I Do'

THE R&B-flavored "I Do," the first single from Nina's self-titled studio album under Warner Music Philippines, had a simultaneous radio premiere last week. It was played in Magic 89.9, [illegible]

The album will be available in music stores on Aug. 12.

South Border in Europe

SOUTH Border recently came back to Manila from a successful tour of the United States, where they performed in mainstream clubs on both the East and West Coasts.

On the West Coast, they entertained [illegible] crowds at the Viper Room on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, [illegible] in San Diego, [illegible] San Francisco [illegible] and Knitting Factory, also in Hollywood.

On the East Coast, they played at the [illegible] Club in New York, [illegible] in Washington, DC, [illegible] Theater in [illegible] Ridge, Illinois and [illegible] in Bellevue, Washington.

The group left again to perform at the [illegible] Hall in Berlin on July 15, and at the [illegible] Park in Hounslow, London on July 16 for the [illegible].

They will be back in the country in August, but only for a while. In September, they proceed to Australia to play at [illegible] and then back to the US for more gigs.

BUSINESS

Oil, gold, dollar surge on Mideast crisis

Dealers say crude price set to break $80/barrel

CURRENCIES

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Gov't posts P12.7-B budget surplus /B4

GOLD PRICES HIT AN EIGHT-WEEK PEAK YESTERDAY, oil futures traded near record highs, the dollar advanced against the yen and euro, and stock markets plummeted as investors sought safe-havens on escalating conflict in the Middle East.

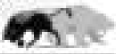
"Safe-haven flows are driving the market and with a further escalation of violence in the Middle East, people are thinking that this is likely to take center stage for markets," said [illegible], head of research, Asia, at Rabobank in Singapore.

In Asia, the MSCI Index of major Asian stocks outside of Japan fell 1.2 percent.

European stocks are likely to slip with spread betters in London calling Britain's FTSE 100, France's CAC 40 [illegible]

All-out war in the Middle East

Mr. Bearbull



Oil, gold, dollar surge on Mideast crisis

$80/barrel barrier

Gold rush

Local stocks slide

Disclosures



SOUTH KOREA'S COMMITMENT

Asean + 3 rice reserve seen hitting 500,000MT



Napocor keeps one-day power sale scheme

Gov't posts P12.7-B budget surplus

Good revenue performance and tight spending kept 6-month gap below ceiling

T-bill rates up despite improved fiscal position



Anglophil buys 5% interest in Edsa Properties

Gov't, mining sector drafting mineral reporting code

Loans extended by commercial banks up 1.1%

RP reversed BOP position, posted surplus in June

Talk is chief

BREAKTIME



Conrado R. Banal III

Dollar inflows from higher exports, strong remittances cited

Northern Mindanao growth to stay steady

RP cuts tariff on oil products to 2%

People Events & Products

Picpa links up with software firm



UNILAB INTENSIFIES CAMPAIGN AGAINST COUGH DISEASE

A PROJECT OF HUMANITY FROM BOSCH



PBCom holds annual stockholders' meeting



LAWASIA PHILIPPINES CELEBRATES ITS 10TH YEAR

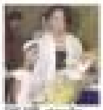
BAROK ANTENNA'S PROMO WINNER



PAG, VOLVO EXECUTIVES VISIT THE PHILIPPINES



Nourishment Education Program launched



EAT MORE BREAD, EXPERTS SAY



BONAKID HOLDS PARTY FOR 1 YEAR OLD KIDS





FIRST MICROTEL INN & SUITES IN MINDANAO

PHILIPPINE MADRIGAL SINGERS WINS AWARD

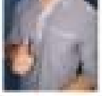


Product Files

Happy mommy Tintin



MOLECULES SUPPORTS DENNIS' B-DAY CONCERT



WHAT'S INSIDE
'BIENVENIDA' and 'despedida' C4

LIFESTYLE

The science behind your workout

WELL AND GOOD

Tina Juan





Specificity

Overload

EXERCISE OF THE WEEK

One-legged tie-your-shoelace lunge



STRENGTHENS THE legs, buttocks and core muscles

Vitamin Wholesale

De-stressing tips for the weary

INSIDE OUT

Gary Quirino



There are some questions you can ask yourself to see if you are 'running on empty'

Running on empty

First aid

Tree therapy

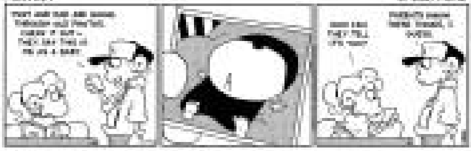
De-stress visualization

Boosters

You're in charge

ComicRelief

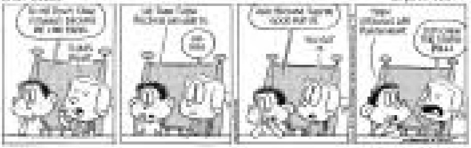
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A. LIPIN — BY JESS ABRERA



BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT



PUGAD BABOY — BY PM JUNIOR



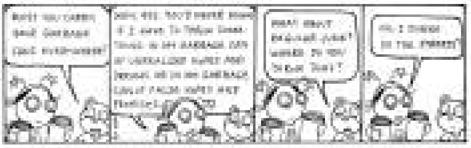
MUTTS — BY PATRICK McDONNELL



LOVEKNOTS — BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO



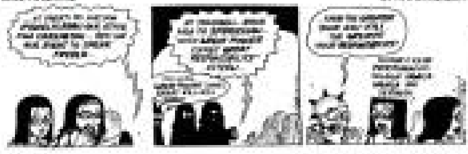
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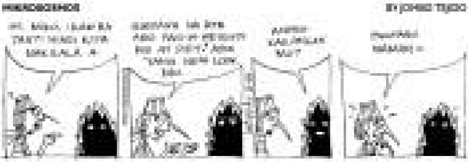
DIVINE COMEDY — BY STEVEN PABALINAS



BIKO MACHINE — BY MANIX ABRERA



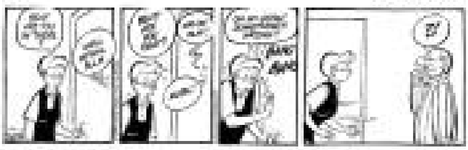
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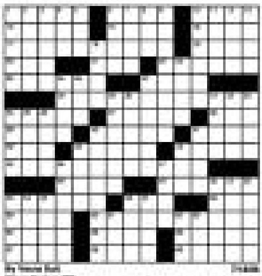
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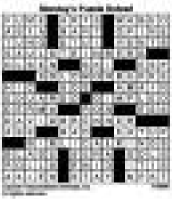


BEN — BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

1					6			5
			4		3			
	3	7	8			2	9	
3	6					5	8	
	7	8					3	1
	4	2			7	6	1	
			3		2			
8			5					2

Difficulty Level ★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Answers to FAQs

INNER AWARENESS
Jaime T. Licauco



IN CONNECTION with an article she is writing for Kasipanan Magazine, an independent publication of the Ateneo de Manila University, Julian Quo sent in a number of questions concerning my life and work.

Since many of the questions she asked were also often asked by other people, I thought it best to answer them in this column.

Personal questions:

When did you first realize you wanted to pursue this kind of "career"? Why?

You are right in putting the term "career" in quotation marks, for I do not consider what I do to be a career. It really started as a hobby. I was interested in those areas that science considered to be out of its scope, thereby completely ignoring them.

[illegible]

Smashing badminton championship games



CEREMONIAL toss by Kirstin Asuncion, Rachel Bauzá (marketing manager, JVC Philippines), Kazuo Sakai (general manager, JVC), Lester Fausto Sakai (chair, JVC), Hideyuki Takato (president and CEO, JVC), Dennis Sakai (board member, JVC) and Kristevin Asuncion

JVC, ONE OF THE LEADING NAMES in consumer electronics, celebrated its 30th year in the Philippines with the recent JVC Open Badminton Championships at the Glorietta Activity Center.

[illegible]



OWYOR Velasco and Daisy Reyes



NOLI Cabuling and Agnes Borrado with JVC Philippines GM Kazuo Sakai

[illegible]

In the corporate event, Team Philippine Star was champion, with Team Meralco, as first runner-up, and Team Robinsons Land Corporation and Team Ali Lologo, second runner-up.

More than just playtime

AWARD-WINNING COMPOSER Louie Ocampo and wife Jojo, a senior bank vice president, said The Little Gym (TLG) was better for kids than traditional nursery schools.

[illegible]



LOUIE and Jojo Ocampo say 3-year-old Quito is more articulate and independent, and has more balance and coordination because of the Terrific Tots program of The Little Gym.

[illegible]

TLG has branches in Alabang, Makati, Pasig/Mandaluyong and Alabang.

Golf club holds first tourney

GOLFERS FROM GLOBE TELECOM participated in the recent Globe Golf Cup at the Ayala Greenfield Estates Golf and Leisure Club in Calamba, Laguna.

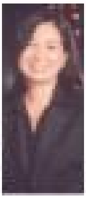
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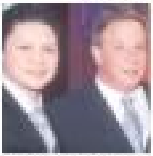
WINNERS of the tournament with Innove CEO Gil Genio

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Membership in the Globe Golf Club is open to all Globe and Innove employees.













'Au revoir' to a 'palangga'













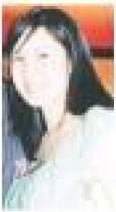












WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



In Bollywood

Success story



